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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Part B for Nov Dec 8

SUBJECT

Re the question of utilization of savings from the Annual Grants for recurring Expenditure to buildings & equipments of the Indian Institute of Science

Sc 1] From Dr Mr. Travers, Director of the Indian Institute of Science letter dated 3-9-08 Enquires if the Mysore Govt approves of the General Policy of the Provisional Committee of the Institute re the working of the Institute

Sc 2] To the above Co. no 4257 & 7-11-08 Communicates the approval of the Mysore Govt to the General Policy of the Committee of the Institute if the Govt of India approve of the proposals to utilize savings from Grants to build purchase & equipment

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File No 72-08

BILL HEADING

Indian Institute of Science

From Dr Travers, F R S, Director of the Indian Institute of Science

No Nil Dated 3/9/08 Received 11/9/08

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Enquires whether the Impl Govt approve of the Govt policy laid down in the Scheme placed before the Provisional Committee for the working of the Indian Institute of Science

NOTES AND ORDERS

Dewan's order.

"Send this to Mr Bhabha and bring also before Council."

(Init) - V P.M

7/9/08

NOTES—First sheet

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Suggested to Secretary Cui
refer to Owen's ltr of 7/7 &
the papers have not yet been
sent to the Theodore.

8-9-08

Submit to the President
then send to Nicaragua Canal
Commission for action.

Cain - Wrote to
Capain with
Rathbone Jenkins -
Johnson the Comptroller
Thompson and also early letter referred

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Secys order

Submit to Ld Councillor personally and then send unofficially to the Dpty Dr of Edn for opinion

(Intd) K S C
11/9/08

3 First Councillor's Remarks when the paper was personally subd to him

" Seen I would like to see again with Mr Bhatia's opinion I suppose the Comptroller and Financial Secretary should see this also early

(Intd) T A R
12/9/08

Ld Lt.Gs no 40 of 12-9-08

Forwarded to the Insp Genl of Education in Mysore for favor of opinion

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For Secretary to Govt

12/9/08

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On the whole I approve of the general policy laid down in the Report placed before the Provincial Committee of the Indian Institute at its first meeting. The savings from the annual grants for recurring expenditure may be applied to buildings & equipment. Further development of the Institute may depend on future endowments or additional grants. In the long run substantial & costly buildings may prove cheaper than less substantial buildings requiring smaller outlay at the commencement. Moreover for an Institute of the importance of the Indian Institute of Science buildings both substantial & ornamental are almost a necessity, especially in India. It would however have been certainly better if a clear decision on the question of applying grants for recurring expenditure to capital expenditure had been arrived at by the Provincial Committee when the proposals were first placed before the Committee, or rather if attention had been pointedly drawn to the question at the first meeting of the Provincial Committee

H J Bhabha
26 Sept 08 Imp Secy Govt

Submitted.

Secy) 28-9-08. MLW

Forwarded to Financial Secy for remarks

Subd 28/9 MLW

Subd 2/10 MLW 2/10/08.

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note new rules
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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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Dear Mr Chandrasekhara Aiyar,

In the first week of September a communication from the Director of the Mysore Institute was received asking for a formal expression of approval of the Mysore Durbar to the policy adopted by the Provisional Committee of the Institute. The Dewan wanted the papers to be referred to Mr Bhabha & brought before Council. The Dewan wishes to know immediately why this is being delayed and what action he has taken in the matter.

Yours sincerely
Chandra

The file was with the Dy C Branch, but as the H Secy is absent on leave, & the matter is very urgent, it is circulated to the Councillors as personally directed at yesterday's Council meeting —
7 10 22 22

We cannot do better than

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follow the decision of the Government of India on the question raised by Dr Travers I can see no objection to the savings from the annual grants made for recurring expenditure being applied to Buildings & Equipment more especially as the Building grant is found to be quite inadequate.

I concur - [illegible] BPH
25 Oct 08 25/10/08.
Dewan 26.10.08

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Submitted to His Highness

I submit the accompanying letter dated 3rd September 1908 from the Director of the Indian Institute of Science in which he "asks the Mysore Durbar, should they be willing to do so, to express their approval of the general policy laid down in the report laid before the Provisional Committee at its first meeting" The report laid before the Provisional Committee included a scheme for building and equipment, amounting to nearly eleven lakhs of rupees and was recorded by the Committee But Messrs Tatas' representatives on the Committee have now raised the question whether the Committee have power to engage upon a scheme for building the Institute involving an expenditure of more than seven and a half lakhs of rupees, which is the amount of the capital grants of the Governments of India and Mysore

Messrs Tatas' representatives hold that this sum of seven and a half lakhs "was specifically allocated by those Governments for building and equipment, that the annual grants derived from those

Governments and the Tata estates should be wholly and entirely devoted to recurring expenditure, and that any balance that may remain over should be set side to accumulate at interest in order to increase the endowment of the institute "

The Director's letter explains the position clearly The Government of India does not appear to have taken any objection to the policy of utilising the surplus in the annual grants after meeting the recurring expenditure, ~~being utilised~~ for capital expenditure

Both the Councillors are of opinion and I agree with them, that there can be "no objection to the savings from the annual grants made for recurring expenditure being applied to buildings and equipment more especially as the building grant is found to be quite inadequate"

The Director may be informed that the Mysore Government approve of "the general policy laid down in the report laid before the Provisional Committee at its first meeting"

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Orders

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject

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Enquiry from the Director of the Indian Institute of Science as to whether the Mysore Government approve of the policy of the savings from the annual grants made to the Institute for recurring expenditure being applied to buildings and equipment

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29.10.08

Order

~~KRW~~
29/10/08

Secretary may send a reply

Let we see reply

Reply
29/10/08

put up draft
30.10.08

Secretary to Govt
30.10.08

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General and Revenue
Secretariat

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Draft Letter Subd

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Draft approved 4 Nov 08

2 To Dr Travers no 425-1 & 7/11/08 informs that Govt approve of the General Policy laid down in the report referred to above and in particular of obliging the Savings from the annual grants towards the Cost of the Buildings and equipment in Case Govt of India approve of the Same

Note—Cont in sheet

From

Dr Morris W Travers F R S

Director of the Indian Institute of Science Bangalore

To

V P Madhava Rao Esq, C I E

Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore

Bangalore the 3rd September 1908

GSm 72-08

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Sir,

Messrs Tatas' representatives on the Provisional Committee appointed by His Excellency the Viceroy as Patron, to manage the affairs of the Institute, have raised the question as to whether the Committee have power to engage upon a scheme for building the institute involving an expenditure of above 7½ lakhs of rupees, the amount of the capital grants of the Government of India and of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore They hold that this sum was specifically allocated by those Governments for building and equipment, that the annual grants derived from those Governments and the Tata estates should be wholly and entirely devoted to recurring expenditure, and that any balance that may remain over should be set aside to accumulate at interest in order to increase the endowment of the institute

At the first meeting of the Provisional Committee, a scheme for building and equipment, amounting to nearly 11 lakhs of rupees was laid before them, and it was pointed out that this estimate was only an approximate one and might be exceeded The scheme provided for the immediate construction of part of the buildings, etc required to accommodate six departments devoted to pure and applied science, and it was also pointed out that the balance of the annual income would in time furnish funds for the completion of the scheme for six chairs That the scheme which the Committee has adopted should be carried out, is, in my opinion, essential to the fulfilment of the purpose for which the Institute has

been established Success will not be attained if we are unable to deal with such branches of pure and applied science as are provided for in the report The elimination of one or more of them would not only directly limit the usefulness of the institute in a particular direction, but indirectly for the reason that those who were engaged in study and research in branches of science for which provision was made would lose the very necessary assistance and co-operation of colleagues in the study of those complex problems with which those engaged in research in applied science have to deal Were the suggestic put forward by Messrs Tatas' representatives accepted, the number of chairs in the institute would be limited to 3 or 4, and, in my opinion, it would be unable to fulfil its function in promoting the "application of science to the improvement of Indian arts and industries " I need hardly add that without the possibility of establishing and equipping laboratories, it would be perfectly useless to appoint professors The method of financing the scheme which the Provisional Committee have accepted would undoubtedly be adopted in the case of the foundation of any Western university institution Funds set aside for endowment cannot bring in an income of more than 4%, and it can hardly be supposed that a Government would furnish funds to be set aside at such a rate of interest when they themselves have to raise money at at least an equal rate of interest

The Governments of India and Mysore have not directly sanctioned the scheme as laid before the Provisional Committee It was in reply to official communications enclosing drafts of the report which was afterwards submitted to the Provisional Committee that they signified their agreement to the arrangement under which the Provisional Committee came into being December 17, 1907, I addressed a letter to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of India, from which the following is an extract -

"If the institute is in receipt of its full income of at

least Rs 2,62,500 from the commencement, there will be a surplus during the first few years of its existence, which should decrease as the various departments are established and develop This surplus might be available for capital expenditure, and if this were permitted it would be possible to complete the scheme which I have submitted to Government within two years from the beginning of next year

"It may be urged that the annual contribution of the Government is intended to meet recurring expenditure The grant is calculated as equal to one half the steady income derived from other sources If, however, the surplus income is applied to capital expenditure under the grant-in-aid code quoted in the paragraph referred to above, the Government has power to assist the Institute to the extent of one-third the amount of such expenditure Thus the amount which Government may contribute is the same whether the money is applied to recurring or to non-recurring expenditure

"If this view is accepted, and the Government of India are prepared to pay to the Provisional Committee, and afterwards to the Council of the Institute, a grant equal to one-half of the steady annual income from other sources from the date at which the assured income from the Tata estate (Rs 1,25,000/- per annum) becomes payable it will be possible for the Provisional Committee to meet at once and to consider the scheme for the Institute It will only remain for Government to nominate their representative on the Provisional Committee, that is to say, on the Council of the Institute "
To this letter I have had no direct reply I discussed the subject of it both with the Secretary of the Home Department and the Secretary of the Finance Department of the Government of India But the fact that they shortly after signified their intention of paying their grant from the 1st January of this year and have subsequently decided to make the payment

date from 1st March of last year may be taken at least to indicate that they have no objection to the policy which I had outlined them

The draft scheme which was practically identical with that submitted to the Provisional Committee was forwarded to you together with my communicati n of the 15th of July 1907, in which I put forward my proposal with regard to the immediate appointments on the staff of the institute To this letter I had a telegraphical reply which is confirmed by letter of the 5th August 1907, No G 905/G M 58-07-2, which does not however refer directly to the scheme However, I assumed that on behalf of the Mysore Government you had given your approval to the general policy which I put forward

To avoid any possibility of misunderstanding, and in view of the fact that the question has been raised by Messrs Tatas' representatives, I would ask the Mysore Durbar, should they be willing to do so, to express their approval of the general policy laid down in the report laid before the Provisional Committee at its first meeting

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Morris W Travers

Director

Extract from letter from Director, Indian Institute of Science, to Home Department, Government of India, Dated July 7, 1907

On March 20th, I presented to the Secretary to the Home Department of the Government of India a draft scheme for the internal organisation of the Institute, and in a letter of June 20th I suggested that the scheme should be modified in one or two details The scheme contains an estimate of the capital and recurring expenditure on the Institute The estimate of the initial cost of buildings, equipment, etc was arrived at in consultation with Mr C F Stevens of Bombay who has been appointed architect to the Institute It amounted to Rs 10,60,000, but as it has only been possible to consider the general features of the scheme, this figure must be taken as representing the lower limit of the probable initial cost of the institute "

The draft scheme was also sent to the Government of Mysore and to the Messrs Tata

Director's Notes on Institute File (A)

July 4th and 5th, 1907 I discussed the financial position of the Institute with the Deputy Secretary, Hom Department, on the 4th, and with the Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, on the 5th The latter told me that he quite expected that Prof Masson and Col Clibborn's estimate would be much below the mark, and that it would be necessary to spend at least 10 lakhs instead of 6½ lakhs (even on the basis of an income amounting to Rs 1,50,000)

July 19th, 1907 Deputy Secretary, Home Department

showed me note on file by Finance Department to the effect that the Institute could draw no grant during the current year as there was no provision for it in the budget The Government of India grant was for maintenance and not for initial outlay but there was little doubt that Government would allow arrears to be employed for capital purposes The Hon'ble Member, Finance Department had noted 'that he would even be prepared to go a little beyond the original intentions of Government '

There was also note on file by Home Department, calling attention to the fact that it was not known whether the arrears of interest on the Tata property would fall to the Institute or from what date the grant from Mysore Government would be payable Decision of the Finance Department would delay matters, but the matter might be raised again when the answer to the points raised had been arrived at

In the discussion with the Deputy Secretary, Home Department, I pointed out that I considered it necessary to commence with the intention of ultimately carrying through the full scheme I thought that it should be fully understood that unless Government opposed this view it would be the one which I should put before the governing body of the Institute I did not wish to have a charge of trying to "rush" Government brought against me

July 27, 1907 Deputy Secretary, Home Department, informs me that Secretary considers that nothing more can be done in the matter of the grants till the Government is in possession of the will of the late Mr Tata

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Extract from letter from Director to Home Department December 17, 1907

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Director's Notes on File

January 24, 1908 Called on Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, at the request of Home Department, and explained

that the Messrs Tata and Mysore Government agreed to pay their annual grants from 1st January, and it was hoped that the Government of India would also pay their grant from the same date Discussed notes written in June-July 1907 Deputy Secretary stated that he anticipated no difficulty

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Extract from D O letter from G Fell Esq , to Dr M W Travers, Dated 21st January 1908

"Weston has asked me to tell you that the Fin Department have agreed to give the Government contribution to the Institute from January 1st '

Send this to
Mr Bhabha &
bring also before
Council

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Diary No of letter replied to 1827

No 425-1
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9.11.08

To

Dr Morris W Travers, F R S
Director of the Indian
Institute of Science,
Bangalore,

Date of issue 7.11.08

Signed by [illegible]

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Sept 1908 In this letter you say that at the first meeting of the Provisional Committee for the Indian Institute per

7/11/08 letter
W.W.
7/11/08
7/11/08

SUBJECT

of Science, a Scheme for building and equipment for the institute amounting to nearly 11 lakhs of Rupees was laid before the ~~Rs~~ Committee. and Capt Messrs Tatas Representatives on the Provisional Committee have, ~~it is said~~, Raised the question whether the Committee have power to engage upon a Scheme for building and equipment costing more than 7½ lakhs of Rupees which is the amount Sanctioned for the purpose by the Govts of H.E. and Mysore.

List of enclosures,

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H.H the Maharaja of Jaypore
have considered
~~after considering~~ all the facts
mentioned in your letter, ~~are~~
~~of opinion that there can~~
~~be no objection to the Savings~~

and authorise me to state that they are prepared to approve

~~from the annual grants made for Recurring expenditure being applied to buildings and equipment more especially as the building grants is found to be inadequate they are accordingly pleased to express their approval~~ of the General policy ~~of the~~ laid down in the Report placed before the Provisional Committee at its first meeting, and in particular the proposal to utilise the sums from the annual grants made for recurring expenditure towards the cost of buildings and equipment, in case they fall short in India, on their part, approve of the same

I have etc

Secty to Govt

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Govt 4 Nov 08

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